

# BEING GREEN

IS AS EASY AS ONE small ACTION



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It's Easy Being Green

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What we eat, what we buy, how we travel,  
and how we connect with nature  
can positively impact the  
future of our planet.

**Don't flush trouble**

Trash goes in the bin, not the toilet. "Flushable" wipes and other products can clog sewer lines and cause major damage to our clean water infrastructure. So think trash, not toilets!



**Don't Drip & Drive**

Leaky vehicles are a major source of stormwater pollution. Keep yours tuned, fix leaks and keep Puget Sound clean.

Fix That Leak!



**Cut food waste and save**


It's time to start shopping, storing, and cooking food in smarter ways to reduce food waste.

33% of household waste in King County is food



**Compost and use compost**

Composting our food scraps and food-soiled paper in the curbside yard cart and using compost improves our soil for healthy gardens and parks.



**Recycle more, even clothes**


Damaged clothes and linens aren't garbage anymore. Up to 95% of the clothes, shoes, and linens thrown in the garbage could have been reused or recycled at local drop-off sites.



**Green up your travel**

1 FULL BUS = 60+ PEOPLE DRIVING ALONE

Transportation is our region's largest source of carbon pollution. Transit takes 175,000 cars off the road each weekday, keeping our air cleaner and reducing our carbon footprint.



**Trees: just what the doctor ordered**

Healthy forests, parks and natural areas help keep our air and water clean. Get outside, experience nature.



**Eating locally is good for the earth and our economy**

King County's 40+ farmers markets offer an abundance of local food.



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## King County's green resource hub [KingCounty.gov/BeingGreen](http://KingCounty.gov/BeingGreen)

King County can help you make greener choices. Visit our website to learn easy tips for saving money and improving our environment.



### Greening consumer choices

- Explore the *Eco-Cool Remodel Tool*, which gives green remodeling tips for healthy spaces that can save money, increase your home's value, and help protect our environment.
- Learn fun tips on how to balance consumption and conservation year-round through King County's *EcoConsumer Program*.
- Choose an environmentally responsible business. Look for the *EnviroStars* decal. More than 800 businesses, including landscapers, car repair shops, dry cleaners and dentists that have been certified for environmentally responsible practices and reducing hazardous materials.



### Eating green

- Learn how to *waste less food* and save money, as well as tips on how to recycle food scraps in your curbside yard waste bin.
- Support *locally grown food* for a sustainable and resilient local food economy and increased access to healthy, affordable food. King County is home to 1,800 farms and more than 40 farmers markets.



### Nurturing nature

- *Volunteer* to restore forests and habitat in a King County park or natural area.
- King County offers plenty of *pesticide-free outdoor places* where kids and pets can safely play.
- Save time and money when you *plant native plants and trees*; they require less maintenance and need fewer potentially harmful pesticides.
- *Natural yard care* has tips from local garden designers that work to keep your landscape green without a lot of chemicals. Find workshops and resources and safer garden chemicals.



### Recycling and reusing

- Give your *old clothes*, even damaged clothes, for reuse or recycling. A number of locations accept clothes, shoes, and linens *in any condition* except wet.
- Not sure what to do with unwanted items? Find out how to recycle, re-use, or properly dispose of nearly 100 categories of items on the *What Do I Do With?* mobile-friendly website.
- Find drop-off locations to safely dispose of your *left over medications*.
- Using *compact fluorescent bulbs* and tubes are great ways to save energy but they contain dangerous mercury and must to be properly recycled. Drop your used lightbulbs off at 200 convenient collection sites.



### Traveling green

- *Ride Metro Transit* for cheaper, stress-free travel. Metro Transit has more than 200 bus routes to green up your travels. Get around town on the nation's second largest fleet of zero-emission electric buses, which use less energy, reduce pollution, and make for healthier communities.
- King County is Bicycle Country. Metro Transit has bike racks on all buses and on many vanpool vans. *King County's Regional Trails System*, which connects communities across the county, offers 175 miles of commuting options.

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“Small choices can  
add up to big changes.  
The future is in our hands —  
please join me in keeping  
King County green.  
With these steps, it’s easy.”



– Dow Constantine, King County Executive

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